

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION		
STUDENT EQUAL ACCESS		4802
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Each authorized charter school shall adopt a policy, in accordance with state law, to establish guidelines for the provision of student equal access in a limited public forum. It is the responsibility of the school to implement this policy and establish and monitor limited public forums as appropriate.

“Limited public forum” means public property that is provided for students as a place for expressive activity which may impose reasonable, content-neutral time, place, and manner restrictions on certain groups or topics of speech; provided, that the restriction is necessary and narrowly tailored to serve a compelling state interest.ⁱ

This policy shall ensure that the school does not discriminate against a student’s publicly stated voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint, if any, and to eliminate any actual or perceived affirmative school sponsorship or attribution to the school of a student’s expression of a religious viewpoint, if any.ⁱⁱ

This policy shall also include and/or address:ⁱⁱⁱ

- (1) Rights of students and/or groups of students to organize meetings and express viewpoints;
- (2) Procedures for request and approval of student meetings;
- (3) Requirements for approval of student meetings;
- (4) Parameters for time, place/facilities, and manner of student meetings;
- (5) Role and responsibilities of the school and its administrators and staff; and
- (6) Permissible and prohibited content of student expression.

Legal References:

ⁱ T.C.A. § 49-6-1801

ⁱⁱ T.C.A. § 49-6-1803(b)

ⁱⁱⁱ T.C.A. § 49-6-1801 through 1805